

(245 on moderately interesting)

- 1928 Political animal at university?  
Only in university politics. President of S.R.C.  
Issues ranged from politics of the day to minor domestic matters.  
Numerous debates.  
Help and experience of Professor Taylor - debating (coaching).
- 075 Residence in Christ College - very enjoyable.
- 110 "The room in Elizabeth Street" - a private common room, as the one in the University was inadequate. Discontinued when Christ College established and residence available.  
Other participants: Aubrey Davern (?), Jack Edwards et al.
- 155 Election to Parliament 1946. Wilmot electorate. Topped poll.  
Joined Ministry then and there as Attorney-General.  
Reasons for being Labour politician - family influence.
- 220 Proudest achievement - abolition of capital punishment in Tasmania.
- 245 The Royal Commission. Feelings of Government when University staff asked for an investigation into the affairs of the University.  
Unwillingness on part of Government to institute Royal Commission.  
Beaten by one vote: McPartlan (?) supported the vote for the Royal Commission.
- 285 Government steadfastly refused to be involved. Himself "not sufficiently associated with it to make a judgment".
- 310 Numbers of graduates in Parliament at that time. Himself the only lawyer in Labour Party in 1946.
- 320 Any "class" advantage in opportunity to get into Parliament in Tasmania? e.g. landowners. Answer: No. On the whole pretty fair electorates.

370 The role of the Tasmanian Club!

390 The Hare-Clark system. "I have not ever thoroughly grasped  
the details or the workings of it ... a fair enough system".

405 Excellence of senior staff - King, Taylor, Dunbabin, Dallas, etc.

460 Professor in Law (McDougall).

480 Any limitations on who went to the University - owing to fees,  
etc. Answer: No.

(Interesting blind spot: nobody prevented from going to the  
university because of lack of money.)

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